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### WAR NEWS.

Gen. Sherman's dispatch is dated March 8th, at Laurel Hill, North Carolina. He says:-"We are all well, and have done finely." Details are for obvious reasons omitted.

General Schofield in a dispatch dated at Newbern, March 12th, states that-"On the night of the 10th, near Southwest Creek, Bragg was fairly beaten; that during the hight he retreated across the Neuse at Kinston and now holds the north bank of the river at that place."

Laurel Hill, North Carolina, the point from which Sherman's dispatch is dated, March 8th, is in Richmond county, N. C., near the line between North Carolina and South Carolina and some thirty-five miles from Fayctteville, on the direct road between Cheraw and Fayetteville.

A portion of a cavalry brigade commanded by Col. Gamble, was attacked on Sunday last near Vienna, by a body of White's command who were driven off, with a loss of two killed and six wounded. The Federal troops lost two killed and two taken prisoners.

Th capture of Kilpatrick's camp, as detailed in Gen. Lee's dispatch published yesterday, took place, it is said, two days later than the above dispatch of Gen. Sherman.

### THE BATTLES NEAR KINSTON, N. C.

The only details of the recent battles, near Kinston, N. U., which we have received, are from the correspondence of the New York Herald. That correspondence is dated the 11th inst. The writer states that skirmishing commenced on the 7th instant, and was kept up until the afternoon of the 8th, when the Confederates made a furious assault upon the left flank of the Federal line, and also upon the front of the First and Second Divisions, capturing the larger portions of two regiments, numbering fourteen hundred men, and also three or four companies of the 12th New York cavalry. After this, the Federal troops fell back three miles, and entrenched themselves until reinforcements, which were on their way under Gen. Couch, should arrive. Of these combined columns Gen. Schofield assumed the command. On the 9th the Confederatas advanced against the newly occupied Federal position, and skirmished throughout the day and a portion of the evening, without any other result than to drive the Federal line from the rifle pits into the breastworks. No regular assault appears to have been made; but there was an attempt to turn the works by a flank movement which did not succeed. During the day, however, the Confederates are said to have lost some two or three hundred men taken prisoners, and hearing towards evening of the approach of reinforcements under Couch they withdrew across the Neuse River and occupied their own works at Kinston.

The amendment to the Army bill, increasing the army ration from thirty to fifty cents, which was supposed to have been defeated, was passed. It adds about twenty five per cent. to the pay of line officers, and about fifteen per cent. to other officers, except those not on active field duty.

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